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Group: 2187  
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### **RESPONSE**

#### **MS Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

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The present application has pending claims 1-9.

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-15 of prior patent No. 6,598,129. Applicants do not agree with this rejection. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the present application filed on even date herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer obviating this rejection.

It should be noted that the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer was not intended nor should it be considered as an agreement on Applicants part that the features recited in claims 1-9 are taught or suggested by claims 1-15 of the prior patent. The filing of the Terminal Disclaimer was simply intended to expedite prosecution of the present application.

Since the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting of claims 1-9 has been rendered moot, and no other rejections